

Security Devices And Alarms

No security device is foolproof, but good vehicle security can greatly reduce your chances of becoming a victim. Consider the following:

- A steering wheel locking device.
- A device that attaches to the brake pedal.
- A circular metal band, or “collar” locked around the steering column to protect the ignition lock from tampering.
- Auxiliary locking devices for sliding windows, spare tires, batteries, wheels, decks, etc.
- Tapered door lock buttons.
- Locking gas cap.
- Interior hood lock release.
- Second ignition switch or “kill switch” to prevent electrical current from reaching the coil distributor.
- Fuel switch to prevent fuel from reaching the carburetor.
- A Stolen Vehicle Recover System (SVRS) installed in your vehicle to assist law enforcement with tracking and recovering the vehicle should it be stolen
- An alarm system to deter theft.

Essential Features of Alarm Systems

- Integrated “kill switch”
- Lights and an audible signal are activated
- Self-arming and anti-code grabbing
- Visible LED indicator.



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If your vehicle is broken into or stolen, inform local law enforcement immediately. Stolen vehicles are often used in the commission of another crime. Quick action may not only aid in the recovery of your vehicle, but also prevent its use for illegal purposes.

PHONE NUMBERS Emergency - 911

Non Emergency Police Line
(775) 334-2121



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While Driving

- At stop lights, leave plenty of room between your vehicle and the one in front of you in case you must pull away quickly.
- Keep your car in gear while stopped at intersections in order to allow you to avoid a dangerous situation if necessary.
- Keep doors locked and windows rolled up while driving.
- Always be aware of pedestrian traffic around your vehicle.
- Don't pick up hitchhikers under any circumstances.
- If you think someone is following you, drive to the nearest police or fire station, open service station, or other open business to get help.
- If you often drive at night, or alone, have a cellular phone to summon help in an emergency.
- Make sure your vehicle is in good condition and that you have enough gas to get to your destination.
- If someone is threatening you with a weapon, give up the vehicle – it's not worth your life.

Park Carefully

- Park your vehicle in bright, visible areas with lots of people around.
- Don't park your vehicle next to vans or campers – they block your vision.

- Turn wheels sharply toward the curb when parking, this makes it extra difficult for thieves to tow your vehicle.
- If possible, park your vehicle in a lot where you don't have to leave your keys. If you have to leave your keys with a parking attendant, leave only the ignition key.
- Don't leave a vehicle in unattended public parking lots for an extended period. A car is five times more likely to be stolen from an unattended lot than from the street or attended lot.

When Returning To Your Vehicle...

- Have someone accompany you to your vehicle if it's parked in an unfamiliar, dark, or isolated place.
- Have your car keys in hand.
- Check in and around your vehicle before entering.

Vehicle Burglary

Preventing thieves from breaking into your vehicle to steal valuables is very difficult. So if you want to keep it, don't leave it in your car.

If you must leave valuables in your vehicle, never leave them in plain sight. Consider detachable CD and stereo systems, then remove them whenever you are not in the vehicle.

Lock Up

- Lock all doors and close all windows whenever you leave your vehicle unattended.
- Lock the trunk or tailgate.
- Keep the vehicle registration in your wallet or purse, not in your vehicle.
- Remove garage door openers from the vehicle.
- Never leave your keys in an unattended vehicle, even while running a quick errand.
- Keep car and house keys on separate key chains.
- Never attach a tag with your name and address to your key ring. If the keys are lost or stolen, the tag will lead the thief directly to your vehicle and your home.
- Don't keep an extra key hidden anywhere on the vehicle.

Specialty Vehicles



Vehicles carried on trailers should be secured with a maximum security chain and padlock.

When storing your trailer, secure it with a heavy chain and padlock anchored to an imbedded hitch or stationary object.

Chain motorcycles, trail bikes, or snowmobiles to a stationary object such as a lamppost. Even when your vehicle is in the garage, use a heavy chain and an extra high security padlock.